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DEPT PASS ERDA AND NRC

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SUBJECT: EXPORT OF US URANIUM TO FRG

REF: A. BONN 5946 (NOTAL), B. EC BRUSSELS 3268,  
C. PARIS 09256

1. SUMMARY: FRG TECHNOLOGY MINISTRY CALLED IN EMBASSY  
S&T COUNSELOR TO EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT NRC SUSPENSION  
OF URANIUM EXPORTS TO EUROPE. TECHMIN OFFICIALS  
REQUESTED URGENT CLARIFICATION AND WARNED THAT DELAY  
AND UNCERTAINTY WERE NOT IN BEST INTERESTS OF  
"INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY COMMUNITY." END SUMMARY.

2. DR. SCHMIDT-KUESTER, "DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY"  
FOR ENERGY RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY, CALLED IN EMBOFF  
TO DISCUSS CURRENT SUSPENSION OF NUCLEAR EXPORTS TO  
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FRG. SCHMIDT-KUESTER (S-K) EXPLAINED THAT SUSPENSION

AFFECTS A NUMBER OF SHIPMENTS URGENTLY NEEDED BY FRG AND THAT IT COULD INFLUENCE OTHER US-FRG PROGRAMS SUCH AS PURCHASE OF ENRICHED URANIUM UNDER OFFSET AGREEMENT, WHICH NOW UNDER NEGOTIATION. AMONG SHIPMENTS BEING DELAYED IS HIGHLY-ENRICHED URANIUM NEEDED FOR AVR IN JUELICH. FRG UNDERSTOOD THAT ERDA HAD APPROVED THIS SHIPMENT BEFORE TRANSFERRING THE QUESTION TO NRC FOR FINAL DECISION.

3. THIS NRC ACTION HAS NOW ATTRACTED ATTENTION FROM THE PRESS AND HIGH POLITICAL CIRCLES. THE OPPOSITION PARTIES WERE CRITICIZING BOTH THE US AND THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT CHARGING, FOR EXAMPLE, VIOLATIONS OF NPT UNDERSTANDINGS (SEE REF A).

4. S-K ASSURED EMBOFF THAT FRG, TOO, WAS INTERESTED IN THE BEST POSSIBLE SAFEGUARDS AND PHYSICAL SECURITY PROTECTION FOR NUCLEAR MATERIALS. HOWEVER, UNILATERAL DELAY IN SHIPMENTS TO EUROPE COULD HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES.

5. FRG REQUESTED AN URGENT CLARIFICATION. WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN? WHEN? HOW DOES THE US EXPECT TO FULFILL ITS CONTRACT OBLIGATIONS? S-K EMPHASIZED THAT CONTINUED UNCERTAINTY ABOUT THE US AS A SUPPLIER OF NUCLEAR FUELS WOULD NOT BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE "INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY COMMUNITY."

6. EMBASSY COMMENT: EMBASSY SHARES S-K'S REGRET THAT THERE WAS NO BILATERAL CONSULTATION PRIOR TO ANNOUNCEMENT OF NRC DECISION. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ASAP IN RESPONSE TO THIS FRG DEMARCHE.  
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